

EPHESIANS 5:33

MARRIAGE ROLES (PART 9 - THE WIFE'S RESPECT)

Introduction

Grasping three aspects of respect for her husband ensures the wife's excellence in marriage.

1. The meaning

- From the Greek word φοβέω, meaning “to be afraid; have a profound measure of respect for”¹
 - Verb form shares the same Greek root as two other words found in the section on the home; see Eph. 5:21; 6:5
- “By reverence, the apostle means nothing of slavish, or obsequious [fawning; characterized by excessive eagerness to please] homage, but that respect and deference which are due to one whom we are commanded to obey.”
— John Angell James²

2. The motivation

3. The manner

¹ William Arndt, Walter Bauer, Frederick W. Danker, and F. Wilbur Gingrich, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago, 2000), 1061.

² John Angell James, *A Help to Domestic Happiness* (Grand Rapids, MI: Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 2020), 59-60).